

Winthrop. 8.5.73

Dear Mr May,

I have delayed
very long to answer to your
very kind letter of 21th ult^o, not
that I do not take great interest
in the subject and am much oblig-
ed to you for your kind in-
tentions; but because my health
has been poor and I have not
known what to promise. But
I am now better, at least tem-
porarily, and able to look for-
ward with great pleasure to
a meeting of my friends.

If I continue as well as I am,
I shall be happy to accept
your hospitable ~~invitation~~ in-
vitation for the 17th of Sept-
and delighted to meet those
you propose to gather in your

Mrs Emerson sends her respects and thanks for your
very kind invitation. But in addition to her general habits,
she is expecting, about the 13th, her own daughter
who has been about a year, and, about the same time,
a granddaughter who has been married since she saw
her -

With sincere regard -

Yours very truly

Geo. B. Emerson.

pleasant, happy home. Mrs Emerson
never goes anywhere, not even to see
her nearest relations.

Mr Mumford I like heartily, and I
shall be glad to meet Mr May. I
have always considered Mr May as
one of my near friends, and Ade
as one whom I should like to know
nearer & better. Give my love to
both of them.

We have reason to be most
thankful and gratified with the
success of the Memoirs. I have re-
ceived the heartiest thanks for copies
of it. Some have said that they
had no idea that such good
men as S. J. May lived in these
later times. No young minister can
read it without resolving to become
better. — Yet, when he was alive,
few of us did him justice. He was
really a man of the highest abil-
ity as well as the noblest character.

ms. B.1.6 v.11, p.35